

Once again I would like to congratulate and commend the Somerset AMVETS Louis A. Colon Post #72 on their 50th anniversary. I with them continued success in all their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN LLOYD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of one of our former colleagues, Marilyn Lloyd, who served in the House from 1975 to 1995. On October 10, Ms. Lloyd's 20 years of service to her district will be commemorated at the dedication of the Marilyn Lloyd Environmental and Life Sciences Complex in Oak Ridge, TN.

The Marilyn Lloyd Environmental and Life Sciences Complex will comprise most of the Environmental Sciences Division's labs and offices on the west end of Oak Ridge National Laboratory [ORNL]. Ms. Lloyd's successor, Congressman ZACH WAMP, along with various officials and dignitaries, will be on hand to express their appreciation for her efforts on behalf of ORNL.

There could not be a more fitting tribute to her hard work and dedication to the Oak Ridge community. As a senior member of the House Science Committee and chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Energy, former Representative Lloyd was in a unique position to assume a watchdog position and ensure that Oak Ridge was treated fairly. At a time when many DOE sites are struggling, Oak Ridge has maintained its status as a national leader in neutron science, cutting-edge technology, and environmental cleanup. None of this would have been possible without Marilyn Lloyd's diligence and commitment to the third District of Tennessee.

In her previous position as a U.S. Congresswoman, Ms. Lloyd brought attention to the need for fusion energy research and the Isotope Production and Distribution Program. Her dedication to her district and the science community was so deep-rooted, she chose to remain the chairwoman of the Energy Subcommittee even after she had obtained the seniority to chair a subcommittee on the House Armed Services Committee.

Ms. Lloyd still remains active in the science community and in Oak Ridge. She is an appointee to the Secretary of Energy's advisory board and a member of Lockheed Martin Energy Research Corp. board of directors. Her community service, church activities, and family keep her busy as well.

As the first and only woman to be elected to a full term in the U.S. House of Representatives from Tennessee, Marilyn always was a trailblazer. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this tribute than my former colleague and friend, Marilyn Lloyd. Her past and continued work for the Oak Ridge National Lab and the Third District should never be forgotten.

CELEBRATION OF AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN DAY

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Austrian-American Day. President Clinton and Governors across the Nation proclaimed September 26, 1997, as Austrian-American Day. Three of my constituents, Christian Robin, Maria Groh, and Anna Goodman, came to Washington, DC, to celebrate this important occasion.

Why is September 26 important to Austrian-Americans? On September 26, 1945, at the meeting of all Federal Provincial Governors, the United States insisted that Austria remain a united nation. Had it not been for the United States, Austria would have been divided between the East and West.

This year also marks an important anniversary for Austrian-Americans. Fifty years ago, the United States initiated the Marshall plan. Through this plan, many war-torn European nations were able to rebuild after World War II. The Marshall plan enabled these nations to fend off the looming Communist threat.

Austrian-Americans work hard to make their communities a better place to live in by sharing what they have and helping others in need. In a sense, we can say that our aid in postwar reconstruction has come full circle. We are now receiving the benefits of the generosity that our Nation showed to another country in their time of need.

Mr. Speaker, many great Austrian-Americans have contributed to our way of life. I want to take a moment and reflect on some famous Austrian-Americans: Joseph Pulitzer, Supreme Court Justices Felix Frankfurter and Earl Warren, Estee Lauder, Fred Astair, and Arnold Schwarzenegger. These individuals have made many contributions to our society. Of course, there are countless other Austrian-Americans who have contributed greatly in the areas of literature, science, economics, medicine, and entertainment.

Austria and America have an inextricable bond which has been created not only through the Marshall plan but also through those Austrians who have chosen to make the United States their home. Though they may have been born and raised in another country, they have joined the melting pot that is our country, making our Nation even stronger by the addition of their experiences and hopes and dreams for America. We must take the time to learn and appreciate other heritages and cultures. I would like to commend Austrian-Americans for making their culture accessible to all of us through their many different activities throughout the United States.

CONGRATULATIONS TO J. EDWIN KYLE

HON. W. J. (BILLY) TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, J. Edwin Kyle is celebrating his 80th birthday on October 12, 1997. I would like to wish him a very happy

birthday and congratulate him on reaching this milestone. I wish him many more joy-filled birthdays.

FAST TRACK IS THE WRONG TRACK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that I have been a consistent and vocal critic of NAFTA. When Congress voted to expand the treaty to Mexico in 1994, I opposed it, and subsequent events have demonstrated all too clearly why NAFTA was a bad deal for the American working man and woman. The United States has lost more than 400,000 jobs, while the situation of Mexican workers has continued to deteriorate.

Perhaps NAFTA could have been salvaged when Congress received it for deliberation 4 years ago. Unfortunately, we had no choice but to vote for it as it was presented to us, with no opportunity to add amendments or insert clarifications of any kind, because in 1992, Congress handed President Bush fast track negotiating authority.

Now President Clinton would like to expand NAFTA to other nations in the Western Hemisphere, such as Chile. And, of course, he again wants fast track authority in dealing with our neighbors.

The problem with fast track is not so much that the President is using it to negotiate bad trade deals, although he did, and I believe he will again. The overriding concern is that fast track is yet another voluntary abrogation of congressional authority to the President.

It should be of great concern to my colleagues and all Americans that the people's legislature—Congress—could again surrender much of its constitutional prerogatives in shaping trade policy. There is no denying that we exist in a global economy, where we should always strive for free and fair trade. However, at a time when world commerce is becoming increasingly complex and the future well-being of American workers is pegged to the way we do business with other countries, Congress is voluntarily handing over its responsibility when it comes to shaping the rules by which we have to play.

Over the last 30 years, Congress has given up many of its traditional powers to the President, such as sending American troops into war zones. It is time for Congress to put a stop to this trend, and the upcoming fast track vote is the perfect place to turn the tide.

Even the ardent free traders at the Wall Street Journal recently published a poll that showed an overwhelming majority of Americans believe that Congress should play a role in the crafting of our Nation's trade agreements.

It is time for Congress to put a halt to both self-destructive trade agreements and the meek surrender of its prerogatives and responsibilities.